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DearMr. Schorr,

My apologies for incomplete recollection when your Tuesday's call caught me by surprise. I had just returned home after being marooned in Washington after an accident in Monday's snow. Having deposited my battered car at a local body shop, the tow truck had just delivered me home and I was preoccupied with how we'd get to and from town without a car for an indefinite period.

When Jim Lesar left a copy of our book for you, the fastest way of getting a copy of that transcript to you, he was to have included a note referring to the Lovestone/Brown/Roumaldi operation, which subsequently, in part and somewhat inaccurately, emerged. This and other stories that are being leaked are cloaked in semantics and lies. The leaking is clearly and cleverly orchestrated.

While I am happy that there are forces anxious for some of this to come out, I'd be happier if it were more fully and more honestly - without having the apparent intent of serving the special interests of those behind it.

I have a conflict of interest in some of this. In part it comes from an enormous amount of work embodied in an almost completed Watergate book. I had to lay this often-interrupted draft aside in September for my work in the King/Ray case. As a one-man publisher I've stayed busy since with this new book and other needs. When I was willing to jeopardize my own work to help you with aspects of this more than a year ago, your associates were unable to carry the documentary leads I gave them forward and unwilling to accept help. I can't afford to jeopardize it further, slim as the prospects of publication appear to be. However, that draft has a considerable amount of the presently relevant than remains unreported.

Please keep this in confidence: I have proof of CIA surveillance on me. On the second Jim Lesar, acting as my lawyer, and I had an appointment with the CIA general counsel in an effort to obtain redress of these grievances. While I doubt they will be honest, forthright or willing, I am making the effort. My evidence breaks down into absolutely solid proofs, substantial reason to believe, and suspicions that have ample support. In addition, I have other proofs that I can pin on CIA. In the latter category are such things as long-time interference with my mail, sometimes overtly. (Remember my telling you about "rough shadowing?" Lesar and I both had this when we were working in Memphis. I left a trap that was sprung: my room was searched. He had a letter from the Supreme Court that was opened.)

On the second I also told Warner that there has been "operational" interest in me. This is separate from surveillance. I did not tell him what it is. I would tell you in confidence only. My reason for not telling Warner has two parts: I want him to make an internal investigation and learn for himself because he cannot deal with me honestly unless he does, if he is willing to; and if the CIA does not I'll be suing it. I do not want to blow my case in advance. However, with any kind of break, the depositions alone should make what today would still be a sensation.

There is no real doubt that the improper domestic intrusions are not limited to surveillance. It includes "dirty tricks." Some are not secret, some are. The non-secret have not been reported recently. I haven't time to go into them in a letter but if you can ever take the hour on a free day I can tell you about those of which I know and lend you a file on one.

If you do this I'll see if I can locate my old files on the AFL-CIO part of these operations. Meany has lied about them. I can also give you other sources. One is the

unpublished doctoral thesis of the son of a friend. I persuaded this young man to change his concept, made the introductions and opened sources for him because of contacts I then had, but he thereafter resisted a number of offers to have his thesis appear as a book. He did it at the University of Wisconsin and Madison, where it should be on file. His name is Henry Berger. He was, when I last heard, professor of history at Washington University, St. Louis. He had access to these union people and their files.

Dan Kurzman, whose career at The Washington Post seems not to have survived it, did some fine writing - exposes. When last I heard he was in New York City.

The AFL-CIO part was much more than political influence on trades unions. They participated in such dirty tricks as were visited upon Chile and Allende. Jagan and Guyana are one example. As a matter of fact, Meany's secretary, Virginia Tehas, offered me the use of the diplomatic pouch and Irving Brown's services in bringing some rare hatching eggs here from France! Brown covered North Africa in addition to Europe in these operations. He was then quite active in Tunis.

I have and have to keep confidential to prevent harm to the man a long account of CIA domestic operations in the Jagan caper. Checking this confession is beyond my capability now. It is on tape, not clandestinely. That man came here voluntarily and agreed to make a recording. Unless he elects to go public, although I am not under restraint, I can't do what can ruin him. He is and was troubled. He is a reporter.

In my work in New Orleans, which centered on Oswald and this angle and was independent of Garrison, I may have located the secret CIA "station" there. I have a picture of myself taken outside the door. If you want to try to follow this up, I'll be glad to give you the leads. The station chief was named Leake. I think his first name was Hunter. My source was well enough informed to tell me that Praeger was a CIA publisher and that I had been to Praeger with my first Whitewash book, which I had not told this source.

Similar indications in San Francisco are more tenuous, but there is no doubt that I was booby-trapped there. This included latching onto 5,000 copies of one of my books - the one that has the subtitle "Case for Conspiracy with the CIA." There are leads in San Francisco, but I do not know how productive they could be. Or would be.

Two publishers only have been mentioned recently. I have experiences with them and with a third, one not named. A current best-seller is pretty clearly a CIA and I believe Angleton job. That book involves two other publishers who are probably unaware that they were used. What I am here trying to say is that these domestic operations include domestic propaganda.

If I can help you without damage to my own work, I am willing to. If you are willing to help me, I'd appreciate it. I think it is probable that I can see meanings in materials not as clear to others because of my experiences and work. I was an analyst and trouble-shooter in OSS and I have worked pretty intensively for more than a decade in a field in which the CIA has interest (Raymond Rocca figured in it) and have done work others have not done. Almost anything relating to Hunt could help me, especially the recently-leaked committee transcript. The sample I gave your associate Mort should indicate that my work is original and extensive. (I could have given him more and still would if CBS would follow it. Like the numbers on the $100 bills Dorothy Hunt had. I think it is not impossible they would lead to Vesco. Banks do keep records of transactions of that size.) The document you used last night is another example of what might mean something to me from my previous work and experience.

I did offer this new book to CBS New York before publication. There was no response.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg